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INDICATORS FOR AGRICULTURE

1. SUMMARY. EXPERTS AGREED ON NEED FOR CONCEPTUAL
FRAMEWORK FOR DEVELOPMENT OF RELEVANT SOCIO-ECONOMIC
INDICATORS. AGRICULTURAL DIRECTORATE TO SURVEY MEMBER
COUNTRIES FOR LISTS OF ISSUES AND CONCERNS NOT ADEQUATE-
LY HANDLED BY PRESENT SOCIO-ECONOMIC INDICATOR SET.
ILLUSTRATIVE SYNTHESIZED CASE STUDY TO BE DEVELOPED
BY AGRICULTURAL DIRECTORATE ON USE OF INDICATORS IN
POLICY ANALYSIS. END SUMMARY.

2. OFFICERS ELECTED WERE PROF. KOETTER (GERMANY)
CHAIRMAN AND DR. ROSSMILLER (U.S.) VICE-CHAIRMAN.

3. MUCH OF THE 2-DAY MEETING WAS SPENT IN AN ATTEMPT
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TO DEFINE TERMS AND PARAMETERS OF THE PROBLEM BEING
CONSIDERED, I.E., THE ROLE AND NATURE OF INDICATORS
IN POLICY FORMULATION AND EVALUATION. THE GROUP
ARGUED THAT: A) CLASSIFICATION OF INDICATORS AS
ECONOMIC OR SOCIAL WAS A FALSE DICHOTOMY
AND THAT MOST INDICATORS OF CONCERN IN THE CONTEXT OF
POLICY ARE SOCIO-ECONOMIC INDICATORS, B) SOCIO-

ECONOMIC INDICATORS ARE NEEDED THAT WILL NOT ONLY MEASURE CONSEQUENCES OF AGRICULTURAL POLICY PER SE BUT THAT WILL MEASURE THE CONSEQUENCES OF GENERAL SOCIO-ECONOMIC POLICY ON THE AGRICULTURAL SECTOR (I.E., LABOR POLICY, ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY, TRANSPORTATION POLICY, MONETARY POLICY, EDUCATION POLICY, ETC.), C) THE MAJOR PROBLEM WITH FORMULATING INDICATORS, IF THEY CANNOT BE EXPRESSED IN MONETIZED UNITS, IS TO FIND A SUITABLE COMMON DENOMINATOR, D) THE BROADENED SCOPE OF INTERESTS PARTICIPATING IN FORMULATION OF POLICIES AFFECTING THE AGRICULTURAL SECTOR REQUIRES A BROADENED SET OF SOCIO-ECONOMIC INDICATORS THAT CAN MONITOR PERFORMANCE BASED ON THE EXPANDING SET OF CONCERNS, E) EXISTING DATA BASES HAVE NOT BEEN FULLY EXPLOITED IN DEVELOPING USEFUL INDICATORS FOR POLICY MAKERS EVEN THOUGH IN MANY CASES NEW KINDS OF DATA ARE REQUIRED.

4. THE EXPERTS GROUP CONCLUDED THAT: A) THE AGRICULTURAL DIRECTORATE SHOULD PREPARE A NOTE SUMMARIZING THE DISCUSSION OF THE MEETING AND FORMULATING THE CONCEPTUAL FRAMEWORK FOR THE USE OF SOCIO-ECONOMIC INDICATORS IN FORMULATION AND EVALUATION OF AGRICULTURAL POLICY, B) AN ORAL REPORT SHOULD BE PRESENTED AT THE NEXT MEETING OF WP1 (AGPOL), C) A REQUEST PREPARED BY THE AGRICULTURAL DIRECTORATE UNCLASSIFIED

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SHOULD BE SENT TO MEMBER COUNTRY GOVERNMENTS FOR LISTS OF ISSUES AND CONCERNS CONFRONTED BY POLICY ANALYSTS AND DECISION MAKERS FOR WHICH SOCIO-ECONOMIC INDICATORS ARE INADEQUATE OR NON-EXISTENT, D) ON THE BASIS OF THESE LISTS AND OTHER MATERIAL THE AGRICULTURAL DIRECTORATE SHOULD PREPARE A PAPER USING AN ILLUSTRATIVE, SYNTHESIZED CASE STUDY TO POINT OUT THE NEED FOR AND WHERE POSSIBLE, THE DIRECTION OF DEVELOPMENT OF MORE ADEQUATE SOCIO-ECONOMIC INDICATORS, E) NO FUTURE MEETING SHOULD BE SCHEDULED AT THIS TIME BUT ONE MAY BE SCHEDULED LATER IF A CLEAR NEED IS DETERMINED. SALZMAN

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